

Allusion was made to all the cases already mentioned, in my last Annual Report, but as no funds had been voted at that time by Parliament, for the purpose of acknowledging the services rendered by these persons, I was not then in a position to state what action was taken regarding them.

The following mentioned cases have come under my notice since the publication of my last Annual report :—

The brigantine *Ida Cutten*, of St. John, N. B., while on a voyage from St. John to Matanzas, met with a succession of gales, which dismasted the vessel, washed overboard all the boats, and caused her to become waterlogged. While in this perilous condition, the brig *Canada*, of Jersey hove in sight, and although the weather was very rough at the time the master sent his boat and rescued the *Ida Cutten's* crew, and carried them to Queenstown. I have made the necessary arrangements under the authority of the Privy Council, to present Captain Orsato, of the brig *Canada*, with a handsome aneroid, value \$40, with a suitable inscription on it, in acknowledgment of his humane conduct in the rescue of the crew alluded to; and also to present the sum of \$60, to be divided equally among the crew of the boat who formed the rescuing party.

The Brig *Afton*, of St. John, N. B., while on a voyage from Sackville, was lost on Machias Seal Islands, on the 9th of January, 1871; the crew managed to get on shore on the island; and, after suffering much from cold and exposure, arrived at the lighthouse. Heavy guns were fired from the signal station, and signals of distress made to the mainland, which were observed at Cutler, State of Maine, a distance of twenty miles from the island; and, though the distance was so great, and the weather very stormy, a party of four men set out in a small schooner, and succeeded in landing on the island, and took off all the crew, with the exception of the captain, who was too ill to be moved. The British vice-consul at Eastport, Maine, paid the sum of \$50 for this service; but, at the same time, reported that he was of opinion that another \$50 should be paid, considering the risk which the men incurred, not only to their vessel, but their lives; and under the authority of Council, I made arrangements accordingly to pay the parties another \$50, making \$100 in all, to be divided amongst the four men who performed this gallant service.

The schooner *Minnie Arnold*, while on a voyage from Port Medway, N. S., to St. Kitts, was totally dismasted, and the deck swept by a hurricane, on the 15th February, 1870; and, after continuing in this condition for a month, the vessel was fallen in with by the *Alfred Richards*, on the 15th March, and the crew, with all their effects, taken by her to Barbadoes. The usual amount was paid to the master of the *Alfred Richards* for the subsistence of the wrecked crew while on board; but, as no risk was incurred in the matter by the master or crew of vessel referred to, I did not consider it advisable to recommend the award of a testimonial, but, under the authority of council, I conveyed the thanks of the Government of Canada to the master of the *Alfred Richards* for his kind treatment of the wrecked crew while on board his vessel.

A claim having been made by the Board of Trade, London, for the repayment of the sum of £9 19s. 6d., which had been paid by them to the master of the ship *Agnes*